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SUBJECT: FRANCO-GERMAN SUMMIT

1. BEGIN SUMMARY: QUAI SAYS THAT FRANCO-GERMAN SUMMIT IN FEBRUARY WILL FOCUS ON ECONOMIC SUBJECTS, AND TOUCH ON SECURITY ISSUES. FRENCH EXPECT MEETING TO BE SUCCESS, ALTHOUGH CAP CLOUD HANGS OVER THIS PROGNOSIS. END SUMMARY.

2. WE RECENTLY DISCUSSED UPCOMING FRANCO-GERMAN SUMMIT (FEBRUARY 3-4 IN PARIS) WITH PLAISANT (QUAI DEPUTY
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DIRECTOR FOR CENTRAL EUROPE), WHO WAS ALREADY SWEEPED UP

IN PREPARATION OF SUBSTANTIVE PAPERS FOR AGENDA ITEMS. PLAISANT SAID THAT DISCUSSIONS WOULD FOCUS ON FOLLOWING SUBJECTS: FOLLOW-UP TO EC-NINE PARIS SUMMIT MEETING OF LAST DECEMBER, ENERGY MATTERS INCLUDING PRODUCER-CONSUMER CONFERENCE AND EC'S ENERGY POLICY, CAP, AND OTHER ECONOMIC PROBLEMS. IN ADDITION, HE ADDED THERE WILL BE GENERAL DISCUSSION OF EAST-WEST RELATIONS (INCLUDING CSCE), EURO-ARAB DIALOGUE, AND SECURITY AFFAIRS. CONCERNING LAST ITEM, PLAISANT SAID THAT FRENCH HAD NOT PROPOSED DISCUSSION OF SECURITY/DEFENSE ISSUES BUT THAT GERMANS WANT TO DISCUSS "SOMETHING" UNDER THIS LABEL. PLAISANT HYPOTHESIZED THAT THIS MAY LEAD TO GERMAN MONOLOGUE ON MBFR. IN ANY EVENT, FRG MOD LEBER WILL ACCOMPANY SCHMIDT AND FRENCH MOD SOUFFLET WILL BE INVOLVED ON FRENCH SIDE.

3. THE SUMMIT MAY ALSO PROVIDE OPPORTUNITY FOR FRENCH AND GERMANS TO CONTINUE DISCUSSIONS OF SPACE AND COMPUTER POLICIES (SEE PARIS 30742 AND PARIS 30796 FOR BACKGROUND).

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4. COMMENT: IN DESCRIBING TO US BACKGROUND OF SECURITY
AGENDA ITEM, PLAISANT MADE NO REFERENCE TO TWO KEY
DEFENSE ISSUES BETWEEN FRANCE AND THE FRG: DEPLOYMENT AND
USE OF PLUTON, AND PARTICIPATION OF FRENCH FORCES IN
PLANNING FOR FORWARD DEFENSE OF FEDERAL REPUBLIC. OTHER
DIPLOMATIC SOURCES HAVE TOLD US, HOWEVER, THAT QUAI IS
SAYING FRENCH INTEND TO UNDERTAKE DIRECT DISCUSSIONS
WITH FRG REGARDING PLUTON. IF THIS IS SO, GOF IS NOT
ADMITTING IT TO US. STILL ANOTHER SOURCE -- WHO HAS
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BEEN RELIABLE IN THE PAST -- TOLD US THAT GERMANS WISH
TO OBTAIN TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE FROM THE FRENCH ON
SUBJECT OF NUCLEAR POWER PLANTS FOR MERCHANT SHIPS AND
THAT THIS WILL BE AGENDA ITEM FOR FEBRUARY 3-4 SUMMIT.
WITH POSSIBLE EXCEPTION OF CAP AGENDA ITEM (WHICH MAY
POSE MOST CONTENTIOUS PROBLEM FOR SUMMIT, PARTICULARLY
IN LIGHT OF FAILURE OF EC MINISTERS TO AGREE JANUARY 21
ON CAP ISSUES), FRENCH ANTICIPATE THAT THIS SUMMIT WILL
FURTHER STRENGTHEN ALREADY CLOSE AND INFORMAL PERSONAL
RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN GISCARD AND SCHMIDT, AND DEEPEN
PARIS-BONN AXIS AT TIME WHEN LONDON SEEMS TO BE A LESS
RELIABLE EUROPEAN PARTNER FOR BOTH PARIS AND BONN.
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